

St. John the Evangelist



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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

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All Masses, (Sunday, Saturday and morning Mass) in all archdiocesan parishes are suspended until further notice.

The cardinal has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

We most strongly encourage everyone to pray the rosary as a family on Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” - Jn 14:15-17

Readings for NEXT Sunday, May 24, 2020:
Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/ 1Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a



SUNDAY, MAY 17

Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, MAY 18

Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 21

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Michael Pedroli

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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A Special Note From Fr. Cannon

Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Every day when I offer Mass, all of you are most certainly in my intention. If you know of anyone who is in any special need, please feel free to call and most assuredly, we'll do whatever we can. God bless each one of you and with the grace of God and prayers of Our Lady and our patron, St. John the Evangelist, we'll get through this—together.



Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

Where We Are With Religious Services

- Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms will continue to be offered, within the current Commonwealth emergency guidelines.
- The Church will be opened for all those who would like to make a visit on weekends, from 8AM-7PM. The lower chapel on weekdays from 7AM-7PM, except on Thursdays: 9AM-2PM.
- Sunday mornings the most holy Eucharist will be exposed for adoration from 8AM-12Noon.
- Private Masses are taking place and the scheduled Mass intentions are being said.
- At this time, there are no public Masses; no public confessional times; and no public Stations of the Cross.
- The rich and powerful devotional practices of the Church, i.e., the holy rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Stations of the Cross are encouraged, most especially a family rosary on Sunday.

Please note that we are all in a state of flux, and all things listed above are contingent on the Commonwealth and Archdiocese protocols.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, is **THIS Thursday, May 21.**

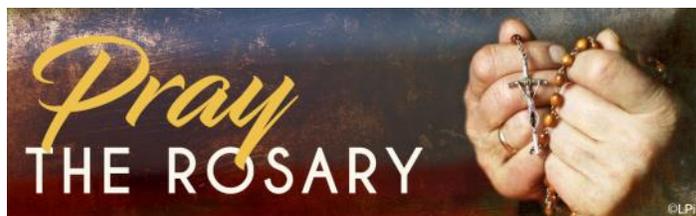
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the weight of human suffering through His Passion and Cross for our salvation, hear the prayers of Your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of Your divine Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. We humbly beseech You, to bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; Grant us the grace to do what is right and the faith to endure this struggle, that we might gather once again to praise Your most holy Name in the heart of Your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in Your divine mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

The current situation has certainly impacted many in a very negative way financially, the parish included. We are very grateful for those small number of parishioners that are on ParishPay* and for those that have been sending in their offertory envelopes via the mail. For those that are able, if you could, please send in a weekly offering. It would be very, very much appreciated.

*A link for electronic giving can be found at: <https://stjohnhopkinton.churchgiving.com/weshare> or on the St. John website home page - <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com>
The link can be found on the right side of the page.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I offer you, my holy Mother Mary,
All my thoughts, all my actions,
All my prayers and acts of charity,
All my faith and good works,
All my sacrifices that I make today.

Grant me the grace to do everything in my life
With a pure intention and a desire to please God.

I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart,
And I pray, through the merits of your intercession,
That I may adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

And through His divine mercy,
Obtain the grace of conversion and the remission of my sins.
O Mary, my Blessed Mother, watch over me and protect me
From all sin and from all evil this day. Amen.

How to Make a Spiritual Communion

Given our current restrictions, many are trying to watch Mass at home either through EWTN or CatholicTV, and when we do so we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. What is that? A Spiritual Communion is a prayer professing faith in Jesus Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist and inviting our Savior to come live in our hearts. Begin by examining your conscience and making a good Act of Contrition. Then pray one of the prayers recommended by the saints for inviting Christ into your heart. Here is one by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Spiritual Communion can never fully take the place of receiving Holy Communion at Mass, but in these extraordinary times, It can help us to stay close to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The traditional Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, And I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven And the pains of hell, But most of all because they have offended thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, To confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

*Special thank you to the Catholic Free Press for their helpful information.

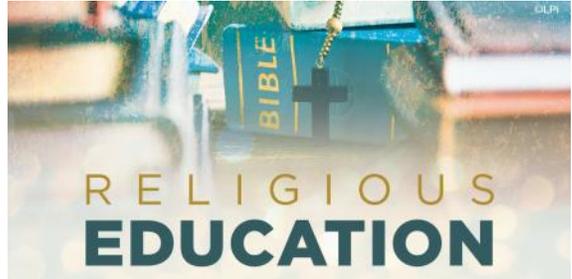
St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, it will not be possible to have our 2020 Annual Rummage sale this year. We look forward to having it again in 2021.



Middle School And High School Youth Groups

All activities and gatherings, including the HS Mission Trip are canceled.



First Communions

All First Communions have been postponed. We will contact families as soon as we are able to reschedule. All of our students and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmations are postponed. We will notify you as soon as we hear from the Archdiocese about a future date.

Thank You

To all our volunteers!

The biggest thank you for volunteering your time and energy to St. John's Parish this past year. Your help and talent do not go unnoticed. Our parish is lucky and grateful to have you in whatever area you volunteer in. You have made our parish better and have possibly changed the lives of some. We wish you all well and hope you all stay safe. We look forward to seeing you when we can all come back together as a Parish family.

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MAY 17, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66: 1-7, 16, 20;

1Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

In all of today's readings there is focus on the Holy Spirit. Do we appreciate the Holy Spirit, and his gifts and gentle promptings as we should? After all, God is Father and Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We received the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and the Spirit was conferred on us in a special way in Confirmation. In today's readings from Acts we see how so many of the Samaritans were filled with joy after listening to Philip, witnessing his works, becoming believers, and being Baptized. Later they would be Confirmed with the Holy Spirit by Peter and John. The fact is Philip, Peter, and John, filled with the Spirit of truth, were instruments through whom the Holy Spirit worked those wonders.

In today's gospel Jesus told his disciples to love him by keeping his commandments. He promised that he would send *another* Advocate, who would always be with us. Jesus, himself, is an Advocate interceding and mediating for us to the Father. The Advocate that he would ask the Father to send us is the Holy Spirit who gives us such gifts as courage, comfort, peace, joy, and hope. Peter tells us to sanctify ourselves to the Lord in our hearts. Thus, we enable ourselves to better observe the Lord's commandments, to be filled with the many gifts of the Holy Spirit, to cooperate with the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to gently share our faith and joy with others (evangelize).

Have you ever been in the presence of people with whom you feel a peace come over you when you are in their presence, irrespective of what worries and anxiety you might have? In my seventy-two years I have known such people, and they all, in their own way, effected my life for the good. Many of them have passed on. I am confident they are saints. Such people consent to be instruments of the Holy Spirit in the gentle, reverent, and loving way they live and speak. We are called to do the same. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit. Be willing to suffer a little for doing what is right. Inform others of the joyous truth. No worries... the results are in the hands of the Holy Spirit.

